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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to instructions regarding channel groups, classified in class 84, subclass 645.
- II. Claims 11-13, drawn to an audio data message, classified in class 84, subclass 649.